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SECONDARY TREATED SEWAGE SPILL IN SAN MARCOS CREEK WATER CONTACT CLOSURE AT LA COSTA RESORT & SPA

An estimated 33,500-gallon spill of secondary-treated sewage effluent began yesterday at the Meadowlark Reclamation Facility at 7941 Corintia Street in Carlsbad. The Vallecitos Water District determined the spill began about 12:14 pm yesterday and was contained at 12:32 pm yesterday. The cause of the spill was a hole in the wall of a channel separating a biological secondary treatment unit to a clarifier. Crews recovered approximately 26,800 gallons. The remaining 6,700 gallons flowed into San Marcos Creek. Signs warning of sewage-contaminated water have been posted at the portion San Marcos Creek that flows through La Costa Resort & Spa. Signs will remain in place until October 10.

For more information about the sewage spill, please call the Vallecitos Water District at (760) 744-0460 and ask to speak with Torrey Webb.

For updates on beach closure information please call the 24-hr. hotline at (619) 338-2073.

OR www.cleanup.org, 'Beach Water Quality' for San Diego County.

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